

lead to the adoption on this side of similar methods, we realize that that will now be possible until the knowledge in England of social problems is much higher than it is to-day.

E.J.L.

The World's Health. Vol. III. No. 7. July, 1922.

"The Education of the adolescent in Social Hygiene". This article gives an excellent brief summary of the causes and incidence of venereal diseases and their sequelae, also a historical survey of the Child Welfare Movement.

Vol. III., No. 9. September, 1922.

"The Fly." A most excellent graphic talk to children on the dangers of the fly is given by Dr. Kleinschmidt of New York. It would do equally well as a model talk to small children in England.

E.E.

Vol. III., No. 8. August, 1922.

The New German Venereal Disease Law enacts that patients must continue treatment until discharged by the doctor, makes the offender who propagates the disease liable to three years' imprisonment and deals with offensive and misleading advertisements, etc. It will be interesting to watch the results of the Law.

E.E.

Letter to the Editor

Whitley, Coventry,
5th, November, 1922.

Sir,

In the October number of the REVIEW are two suggestions, both aiming at Eugenic Registration; one on page 199 by an anonymous correspondent, and one on page 185 by Dr. Adami in the course of his article "A True Aristocracy." Each of them seems to me to need modification in the direction of the other.

The writer of "The Scheme of Eugenic Reform" would use compulsion and classify everybody; Dr. Adami would eschew compulsion and only classify the best. Would not the mean between these two suggestions be the wisest course? I mean, public registration of all who were willing to be examined. It would no doubt take some years for registration to become fashionable and produce an appreciable effect, but if we aim at compulsion we shall miss the mark altogether and never get registration at all. We might hope that a couple of decades would see the custom of voluntary registration well established if it were started and encouraged by really influential people who themselves submitted to examination, and then all who neglected to register would come to be looked on with a certain suspicion by possible mates as undesirable persons to marry, and they would be discouraged by public opinion from having children.

I believe that public registration of the *healthy* is the only method that will make any real progress towards the elimination of venereal disease. The methods of both the Disinfectionists and the Moralists fall short of elimination, and moreover, as they work against one another, they accomplish less than either would if it held the field alone. But registration of the healthy could work with either or both. It would not hamper the Disinfectionists nor offend the Moralists. As Dr. Adami says, public registration is quite a practical proposition. We do not jib at the public registration of University Degrees or other guarantees of mental efficiency, nor do we think the physical examination for the Army and Navy extraordinary.

I repeat that the movement only needs the example of influential people to be a success. Most normal people would be proud to come in to it even if they could not expect to be classed as A.1.

Yours, etc.,

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